

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 174

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Coach Carlton Flatt on the occasion of retirement.

WHEREAS, this body is honored to recognize those coaches throughout the State who have spent years in unflagging pursuits of victory and inspiring a countless number of Tennessee's students to success, both on and off the playing field; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Flatt is one such estimable coach who, as one of the nation's most successful high school football coaches over the past three decades, has retired, leaving behind a legacy of such impressive stature it is assured a place in Tennessee sporting lore; and

WHEREAS, Coach Flatt recently announced his retirement from coaching at Brentwood Academy after compiling a remarkable 354-68-3 record in thirty-three years of coaching at the Williamson County school; and

WHEREAS, born April 22, 1943, Carlton Flatt received a B.S. in Mathematics from Austin Peay State University and a M.S. in Mathematics from Tennessee Tech University ; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Austin Peay's Varsity Football Team Captain in 1965, Carlton Flatt was named All Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Quarterback as well as OVC Player of the Year; he also received the Highest Mathematics Award, the Who's Who Award, and was named Mr. Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1968, Coach Flatt taught Calculus in the Mathematics Department at Tennessee Tech, where he also served as coach of the varsity football quarterbacks; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Flatt has served as athletic director and as a teacher at Brentwood Academy from 1970 until 2007, and except for a brief three year hiatus, he has been the school's head football coach since the school was founded in 1969; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Coach Flatt has guided his teams to numerous conference, district, and regional championships, and with twenty state football championship

appearances and ten state titles, Carlton Flatt is the winningest high school football coach in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is exemplified in his coaching of six All-American football players; in addition, over eighty Brentwood Academy football players signed college football scholarships; and

WHEREAS, *Sports Scholastic America* ranked Brentwood Academy as the fifth best high school football program in the nation in the 1990's, and *USA Today* ranked the team in the Top Ten five times since 1983; and

WHEREAS, his passion for teaching and for coaching is evident in his prestigious record of success, and he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Carlton Flatt is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Judy, and daughters, Grace Ann, Lisa, and Laura; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Coach Carlton Flatt has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and his players; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Carlton Flatt on the occasion of his retirement, looking fondly back over the many successful years he spent as a football coach and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.